

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the status of the claims as indicated below:

Claims 1-6 (canceled)

7. (new) An oral anaesthetic gel, comprising:

a transdermal gel base;

an anaesthetic in said transdermal gel base; and,

a flavoring with a bitter suppressant added to said transdermal gel base.

8. (new) The oral anaesthetic gel according to Claim 7, wherein said transdermal gel base is pluronic gel.

9. (new) The oral anaesthetic gel according to Claim 7, wherein said anaesthetic is lignocaine.

10. (new) The oral anaesthetic gel according to Claim 7, wherein said anaesthetic is lignocaine, said transdermal gel base is pluronic gel, and further comprising chlorhexidine acetate, phenylephrine HCl, sodium meta-bisulfite, ethoxyl diglycol reagent, lecithin and isopropyl palmitate/myristate solution.

11. (new) The oral anaesthetic gel according to Claim 10, wherein said anaesthetic is lignocaine USP 2 g, said transdermal gel base is pluronic gel in an amount of up to, and including, 100 ml, and further comprising chlorhexidine acetate 5% solution 0.7 ml, phenylephrine HCl USP 0.25 g, sodium meta-bisulfate 0.1 g, ethoxyl diglycol

reagent 10 ml, lecithin isopropyl palmate/myristate solution and said flavoring in an amount of 12 ml.

12. (new) The oral anaesthetic gel according to Claim 10, wherein said anaesthetic is lignocaine USP 10 g, said transdermal gel base is pluronic gel in an amount of up to, and including, 100 ml, and further comprising sodium meta-bisulfate 0.1 g, ethoxy diglycol reagent 10 ml, lecithin isopropyl palmitate/myristate solution 22, saccharin sodium 0.2 g, stevia powder extract 1 g, simethicone 0.02 ml and said flavoring in an amount of 12 ml.